'Increase in Teachers' Posts

†3386. SHRI UDAPY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to increase the number of posts of teachers in Central Universities and technical educational institutes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) While the power to determine the number of posts of teachers in central universities and technical educational institutes vests in the universities/institutes themselves; should the operation of Section 3(iii) of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 envisaging reservation of seats for the Other Backward Classes, which has been put on hold by an interim order of the Supreme Court of India, come into force, it would be necessary to increase the number of posts of teachers in central universities and technical educational institutes, for which the requisite financial assistance will be provided by the Government, in order to ensure the standards of higher education.

Serving egg in Mid-day Meal

†3387. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an egg has been introduced with the meal served under the Mid-day Meal Scheme in each State;

(b) whether any alternative arrangement is being made to provide vegetarian food in place of egg to the children who are vegetarian; and

(c) whether Government are aware that a child has died immediately after consuming the egg in Andhra Pradesh as the child could not get water to drink due to non-availability of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) The existing guidelines of the Mid-day meal Scheme stipulate that mid-day

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meal should be of minimum 450 calories with 12 grams of protein. State Governments prepare menus keeping in view the above nutritional value.

(b) States serving eggs in Mid-Day meal have been advised to introduce substitute items like dairy products, fruits (such as bananas) for children who are not accustomed to eat eggs.

(e) Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported in incident of the death of a child in an upper primary school in Adilabad district on 06.02.07. The State Government has informed that the bore well in the school was under repair. The child swallowed the egg, developed breathing problem and expired within an hour. The State Government has reported that the death was apparently due to asphyxia. A post mortem has been conducted, but the report is awaited. The State Government has also informed that all steps have been taken to ensure that drinking water is made available in every school to every child before commencement of serving of mid day meals.

Foreign investment in education field

3388. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any policy decision to attract the foreign investment in educational field;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal for foreign investment in educational field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (b) By virtue of Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated the 11th February, 2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% on the automatic route in the Education Sector subject to sectoral rules/regulations as may be applicable. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) already has regulations in place for the entry and operation by the Foreign Educational Institutions in the education field falling within the purview of AICTE.

(c) and(d) According to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion 38 Indian companies have received FDI inflows in education sector during